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1. MARCELLUS FEILDEN SINGH, DEPUTY LEADER OF LIBERATOR PARTY (LP), BROKE WITH BOYCOTT ANNOUNCED BY LP LEADER GANRAJ KUMAR (REFTEL). SINGH WAS SWORN IN AT FIRST SESSION OF NEW NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ALONG WITH THIRTY-SEVEN DEPUTIES FROM RULING PEOPLE'S

NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC). WITH SINGH AS ONLY OPPOSITION MEMBER PRESENT, OTHER SEAT WON BY 1 AND FOURTEEN WON BY PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PPP) REMAIN UNOCCUPIED AS RESULT BOYCOTT. FOLLOWING SWEARING IN OF DEPUTIES, PNC DEPUTY SASE NARAIN ELECTED SPEAKER AND SINGH CHOSEN AS DEPUTY SPEAKER.

2. ADDRESSING ASSEMBLY AFTER HIS ELECTION, SINGH STATED TAKING SEAT DOES NOT MEAN HE CONDONES ELECTION IRREGULARITIES. SINGH ADDED THAT EFFECTIVE PROTEST IS ONLY POSSIBLE IN PARLIAMENT BECAUSE OUTSIDE OF IT FREE DISSEMINATION OF OPINION IS STIFLED.

PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM, CONGRATULATING SINGH ON ELECTION AS DEPUTY SPEAKER, REMARKED HE AND SINGH DID NOT SEE EYE TO EYE

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POLITICALLY, BUT SINGH WAS PROFESSIONAL AND SINCERE.

3. APPEARANCE OF SINGH IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TOUCHED OFF BATTLE IN PRESS WITH LP LEAZNER KUMAR. SINGH, FORMER LEADER OF UNITED FORCE (UF) WHICH MERGED WITH GUYANA ANTI-DISCRIMINATION MOVEMENT (GADM) TO FORM LP, NOTED THAT MOST OF LP VOTES CAME FROM FORMER UF STRONGHOLDS. SINGH SAID HE HAD MANDATE FROM UF EXECUTIVE TO TAKE SEAT. KUMAR REPLIED BY CRITICIZING SINGH FOR IMPLYING PARLIAMENTARY SEATS BELONGED TO UF, NOT LP. SINGH IN RETURN ATTACKED GADM FACTION OF LP FOR MAINTAINING INTIMATE RELATIONS WITH "COMMUNIST PPP" DURING ELECTION CAMPAIGN.
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